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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1 to define the invention over the cited references.

Claim 1 was rejected by the Examiner over Sathe in view of Hanko. As amended, applicants believe that claim 1 is patentable over the cited references.


Sathe scales the luminance data into the maximum value K1 while the color normalizer in applicants' claimed invention normalizes each component RGB in the RGB color space by using the recited relationships to generates a r, g, b value in the normalized RGB space.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claim 1 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two(2) months through December 2, 2004, in order to timely file this amendment. A check in the amount of \$215.00 is attached herewith for the extension fee.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any additional fees required to be paid in connection with this submission.

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